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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE MOVE FOR CEASEFIRE IN CAMBODIA

1. FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI CHUNHAWAN TOLD ME LAST NIGHT THAT THERE IS SOME CHANCE, ALBEIT SLIGHT, THAT A CEASE-FIRE MIGHT BE WORKED OUT IN CAMBODIA DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS. LONG BORET, WHO IS BEING SUMMONED BACK TO PHNOM PENH, IN A MOVE TO GRACEFULLY DETACH HIM FROM LON NOL, WILL SPEND SUNDAY, APRIL 6, IN BANGKOK. RTG HAS ALSO INVITED SIHANOUK'S SON YUVANEATH TO VISIT BANGKOK AT THE SAME TIME. THAI RECOGNIZE THAT YUVANEATH IS AN INTELLECTUAL LIGHTWEIGHT BUT BELIEVE HE CAN BE ANEFFECTIVE CHANNEL TO SIHANOUK. CHATCHAI SAID THE INDONESIANS ARE FULLY COOPERATING IN THIS MOVE AND ARE TAKING A TOUGH LINE WITH LON NOL.

2. ON FUTURE OF CAMBOIA, CHATCHAI SAID RTG WOULD WELCOME RETURN OF SIHANOUK AS BY FAR THE LESSER OF MORE LIKELY EVILS. HE SAID SIHANOUK SPENT SOME TIME WITH HIS FAMILY WHEN SIHANOUK WAS FORCED OUT OF CAMBODIA BY THE FRENCH. AS A RESULT, THEY KNOW HIM AND BELIEVE THEY CAN WORK WITH HIM. KHIEU SAMPHAN, BY CONTRAST, IS AN UNKNOWN QUANTITY BUT APPEARS TO BE A MILITANT COMMUNIST. THIA WOULD MUCH PREFER SIHANOUK AND WANT TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ASSIST IN ACHIEVING CEASE-FIRE AND RETURNING SIHANOUK TO POWER IN PHNOM PENH.

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3. ASSUME THIS IS KNOWN BUT AM REPORTING IT FOR INSIGHTS

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